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Henry County Retired Teachers Association
O.R.T.A. Chapter Since 1968

HCRTA Meets on the Second Monday of March, May, July, September, November, and December at Oberhaus Park, Napoleon, Ohio

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Mission Statement

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association continues its mission of encouraging scholarship, fostering volunteerism, providing an informed voice for retired teachers on issues relevant to their well-being, and presenting significant information in a congenial social setting.

Vision Statement

Within five years, HCRTA will move to a position among the top five chapters in Ohio, as it builds upon its legacy of encouraging scholarship, fostering volunteerism, promoting and protecting retiree interests, supporting advancement of public education in Ohio, developing a proactive membership.

2015 HCRTA Foundation – Book Grant Recipients

Katie Stover, a recent graduate of Napoleon High School, was the **Lois Griffith Book Grant**. Katie, the daughter of Jeff and Jodie Stover, will attend the University of Dayton and take up Early Childhood Education.

Wesley Rickenberg, son of Kevin and Theresa Rickenberg, was named the winner of the newly created **Karen Brubaker Book Grant**. Wesley, a sophomore at Bowling Green State University, is majoring in Middle Childhood Education with an emphasis on social studies and English.

Receiving the **Roger King Music Book Grant** was Timothy Pelltier, a junior at Ohio Northern University. He is studying music education and is the son of Patrick and Carol Pelltier.

The final recipient was Chandler Ashbaugh, who was named the winner of the **Lucille and Margaret Sherman Grant**. Chandler is the daughter of Tom and Darcy and is studying Early Childhood Education at Baldwin-Wallace University.

HCRTA Foundation – Complete List of Book Grant Recipients

Sherman Book Grant		Griffith Book Grant		King Book Grant	
2015	Chandler Ashbaugh	2015	Katie Stover	2015	Timothy Pelltier
2014	Becca Pfister	2014	Allison Lamming	2014	Robert McMahon
2013	Kristen Lauf	2013	Lydia Badenhop	2013	Robert McMahon
2012	No applicants	2012	Rachel Wiemken	2012	No applicants
2011	Zachary Westhoven	2011	Tory Meyer		
2010	Ben George	2010	Emily Schroeder		
2009	Lindsay Rohrs	2009	Shannon Meyer		
2008	Megan Sherman	2008	Zach Westhoven		
2007	Jennifer Westhoven	2007	Brooke Bostelman	Brubaker Book Grant	
2006	Kelly Dietrich	2006	Emily Rees	2015	Chandler Ashbaugh
2005	Eric Roth	2005	Sara Stobbe		
2004	Ashley Bauman	2004	Kara Rohrs		
2003	Chad Bostelman	2003	Alisha Hoffman		
2002	Chad Warnimont	2002	Mary Baughmen		
2001	Sarah Bostelman	2001	Megan Hoover		
2000	Melanie Wilson	2000	Jeanine Arnold		
1999	Megan Aschemeier				
1998	Michelle Crawford				



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report - July 13th, 2015

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for July was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Guest Carole Wolfe, District One Director, was welcomed, as was new member Sue Hurst. Blessing was offered and a delicious potluck meal was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal, Foundation President Jerri Osborn announced the 2015 Book Scholarship winners. Each recipient present introduced family members with them for the evening and told the group their plans for the next school year. Present were Griffith Family Book Grant winner Katie Stover, who will be attending the University of Dayton in Early Childhood Education, and her parents Jeff and Jodie Stover; Karen Brubaker Book Grant recipient Wesley Rickenberg, who attends BGSU in Middle Childhood Education, and his parents Kevin and Theresa Rickenberg; and Patrick and Carol Pelltier, representing their son Timothy Pelltier, who attends Ohio Northern in Music Education and is the winner of the Roger King Music Book Grant. Tim was unable to attend due to commitments at Ohio Northern. Chandler Ashbaugh, winner of the Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant, attends Baldwin-Wallace University in Early Childhood Education. Chandler was also unable to attend due to other commitments. All of the recipients and their families expressed their thanks to HCRTA members and the Foundation for the financial support as they continue their college careers.

Carole Wolfe then made some brief remarks. She encouraged members to be actively involved and to pay special attention to the continuing efforts of various groups to make changes in the Defined Benefits we currently enjoy. She also announced that ORTA Director Ann Hanning will be retiring in December and she urged members to send Ann messages of thanks for her service to the organization.

The business meeting was called to order. The Secretary's report was accepted as written and the Treasurer's report was also accepted and filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Marlene Jones was present and reported sending a get well message to Karen Maassel. President Shrider noted the passing of member Lucille Meyer.

Legislative: Becky Schindler advised members of the same concern voiced by Carol Wolfe, attempts to take away Defined Benefits. Proposed exemptions from STRS for charter school teachers would also endanger the stability of the system. Members were encouraged to be vigilant in watching for developments with these issues.

Membership: Nan Bretz has a list of potential new members and will be working on getting addresses for them. A suggestion was made to include a coupon in their membership invitation for a free meal at their first meeting. Becky Schindler made a motion to that effect, seconded by Bob Baker. Motion Passed.

Retirement Planning: Greg Merrill reported that several ideas are being considered for informing teachers about retirement issues. A possible visit by an STRS representative was one idea, or a discussion of post-retirement jobs. Other plans are being considered, but nothing definite is scheduled at this time.

Webmaster: Steve Seagrave reminded members they may always get current information from the website. Items such as the secretary's report from each meeting and other items as well are posted soon after each meeting.

Historian: Faith Hurst continues to gather articles about members from local papers and appreciates any and all help from members in saving articles they may see.

Old business:

President Shrider opened old business with a discussion of the need for a new editor for the chapter newsletter. She has been working on the situation, but as of yet has not found anyone willing to take over the position. Costs of printing the hard copies of the newsletter were also discussed. One suggestion from the floor was to perhaps consider having a student, one involved in journalism or technology classes, assist in compiling the newsletter. With no volunteers coming forward at this time, the issue will continue to be worked on going forward.

New Business:

President Shrider announced that the next meeting would be September 14, 2015, at 5:30 PM. The program will be Nature's Nursery.

Gene Grime asked for volunteers interested in helping him to organize the dictionary project. Becky Schindler and Charlotte Shrider said they would help.

Charlie Meyer asked if anyone would be willing to lend small train sets to be used as table decorations for the Symphony of Trees in November. He also asked for volunteers to bake Christmas cookies for the Children's Tea associated with that event. Sign-up sheets were passed for members to sign.

The business meeting was then adjourned with a motion from Rosemary Pfau, seconded by Duane Ressler.

It was announced that \$340 had been collected at the meeting this evening. Half of that amount will be set aside for our charity and the other half of the funds will be put into the chapter account.

After the meeting had concluded, President Shrider asked the members to form teams in order to play the Trivia Challenge Game. Groups were encouraged to create a unique team name and to assign one person to write down answers for their team. With thinking caps firmly in place, each team did their best to record their answers, as each question was given by President Charlotte. She had really worked hard to come up with some fun and challenging trivia facts designed to stump all of us! As each round progressed, points were recorded and correct answers celebrated by each team. At the end of three rounds, the Brain Trust team was declared the winner and they collected their fabulous prizes! Congratulations to them and thanks to President Charlotte for a fun and educational evening.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary



From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

I want to thank Charlie Griffith for all the work he did on the Newsletter and on the directory through the years. Carole Wolfe, District One Director, told me our Newsletter was the best in the district. I am grateful to Steve Seagrave who has volunteered to take this over, at least temporarily. We decided to put out a summer issue to bring everyone up to date. Members attending the July meeting had to stimulate their gray matter as some of the trivia questions proved to be difficult! Congratulations to Duane Ressler, Gregg Merrill, Dale Schubert, Gene Grime and Steve Seagrave for being on the winning team! Our meeting brought in \$340.00 with half of the proceeds going to our treasury and the other half we donated to "Together we can make a difference." I have to say we have some pretty good cooks in the group too. September still seems like the month of new beginnings. If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, why not make it a point to join us at the September meeting? We would love to see you!

Legislative Alert from ORTA

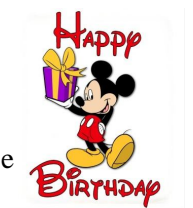


Becky Shindler, our HCRTA legislative liaison, asked to forward this information to all HCRTA members. It comes from the Ohio Retired Teachers Association. This is in regards to a bill in the Ohio Legislature dealing with charter school accountability (HB 2). House Bill 2 was adopted by the House with **few** meaningful accountability measures for charter schools. Then the Senate adopted SB 148 with several **significant provisions** for accountability. SB 148 was amended **into** HB 2 and in order to finalize the incorporation of the strong measures from SB 148 into HB 2, the House needs to **concur**. The House adjourned for the summer without concurring.

The Ohio Senate version (SB 148) was a much stronger (better) version and has provisions to begin to hold charter schools to the SAME standards as public schools. Public education groups are asking members to contact their house representative and urge them to "concur with the SB 148 provisions that were added into HB 2". We would like the House to concur when it reconvenes. HCRTA members are urged to contact our representatives while they are in their home district offices and stress the need for them to "concur" with the senate provisions added into HB 2.

Birthday List

- August 1 Jerri Osborn
- August 2 Mary Joseph
- August 6 Mary Jane Myrice
- August 7 Tenny Krugh
- August 8 Carol Agler
- August 10 Nancy Schall
- August 12 Jane Alspaugh
- August 13 Eleanor Engler
..... Nancy Baldwin
- August 19 James Meyer
- August 21 Marlyn Krueger
..... Judy Rosebrock
- August 24 Gerry Denny
- August 27 Barbara Nagel
- September 4 Jack Schroeder
- September 5 Joan Myers
- September 6 Mary Ann Wade
- September 8 Sally Weaver
- September 9 Carol Sonnenberg
..... Margaret Sutton
- September 10 Bev Wittes



Henry County Retired Teachers Association		Duane Ressler, Treasurer		Report for July 2015 Meeting	
	Henry County Bank CD	previous balance			\$1,258.37
07/04/2015		interest earned	\$3.05		\$1,261.42
	First Federal Bank CD	balance for this period			\$1,171.19
	Henry County Bank Checking account				
Date	Transaction	Description	Amount		Balance
3/31/2015	Previous Balance				\$2,460.99
4/30/2015	Deposit interest		\$0.06		\$2,461.05
5/11/2015	ck. 1236 City of Napoleon	rental of shelterhouse	(\$85.00)		\$2,376.05
5/11/2015	ck. 1237 AKA Designs	meals	(\$480.00)		\$1,896.05
5/11/2015	ck. 1238 TWCMD	member donations	(\$58.50)		\$1,837.55
5/12/2015	Deposit from meeting	meal payments (\$449)	\$612.50		\$2,450.05
		donations (\$90)			
		50/50 (\$15)			
		cash for TWCMD (\$58.50)			
5/31/2015	Deposit interest		\$0.06		\$2,450.11
6/30/2015	Deposit interest		\$0.06		\$2,450.17
7/13/2015	Ending Balance				\$2,450.17
GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS =					\$4,882.78

HCRT FOUNDATION – Donation Form

The Foundation solicits, receives, and invests gifts of money and property of every kind. Members are encouraged to promote memorial and honorary gifts to the Foundation. Gifts to the HCRT Foundation are tax deductible.

The HCRT Foundation is a 501C3 organization.

I would like to help a future teacher by donating to the Book Grant program of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association.

My donation preference is:

- Lois Griffith Book Grant
- Margaret & Lucille Sherman Book Grant
- Roger King Book Grant
- Karen Brubaker Book Grant
- Undesignated

Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer

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Send a Friend a Note of Good Cheer!

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Email - imeleanor@icloud.com

Doris Ruby, 1036 S. Perry Street, Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Mary Lou Mengerink, Northcrest Golden Living Home.

Charles Hemsoth, Box 36, Malinta, OH 43535

Earlene Dirr, % Karen Maassel, 14-620 Co. Rd. D, New Bavaria, Ohio 43548

Martha Alsbaugh, 140 W. North St., McClure, Ohio 43534

Barbara Schnabele, 415 N. Oak Street, Deshler, Ohio 43512

Jackie Sautter, Fairlawn Haven, Room 114, East Lutz Road, Archbold, Ohio 43502

Martha Potter, BG Health Care Center, 850 W Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Dolores Zachrich, 1036 S. Perry Street, Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio 43545



EMAIL ADDRESSES

We would like to update our mailing list for those who receive a copy of the newsletter through the mail. We are hoping that some of you have gotten email since you first filled out your membership form. We want to continue to send the newsletter to those without email, but it would help keep our costs down if you could receive it electronically. If you have received this by U.S. mail and you have an email address, please forward your email to sseagrave@roadrunner.com Thank you for your help!

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

If your phone has changed in the last 12 months, you have added a cell phone, you have moved, or you have changed your email and no longer are receiving HCRT member news via email please fill out and return the form below so we can update our member directory. **Please print.**

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email Address:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Return this form to Stephen Seagrave, 322 S. Madison St, Delta, OH 43515	